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## UNEARTH DEMOCRATIC PLAN TO BUY KENTUCKY FOR M'CREARY TICKET

Cincinnati Detectives Uncover Vast Scheme for the Purchase of 200 Registration Certificates in Every Town of More Than 5,000 Population in the State.

Panic Seizes Upon Negroes Who Sell the Slips for \$3, as They Face Arrest—Dictograph is Used—Confessions Secured.

Lexington, Ky., October 27.—Scandal has broken through Kentucky and threatens to overthrow the carefully laid plans of Democrats to buy the forthcoming gubernatorial and legislative election.

It was learned here today that D. S. Johnson, manager of the Johnson Detective agency of Cincinnati, has had a score of detectives working throughout the state for the last two weeks, gathering evidence and affidavits in cases to be presented at half a dozen courts.

The arrest here of H. S. Sarasohn was the opening gun in the crusade against the alleged plan for a wholesale purchase of the election.

Some time ago it became known that Democratic leaders, desperate at the lack of enthusiasm for the McCreeary ticket, decided it would be necessary to get two hundred negro registration certificates in every town of over 5,000 inhabitants in the state in order to insure the election of their ticket.

In the past money has been so successfully used that there was no fear of consequences and so brazen were the attempts to corrupt the electorate and the investigation of Detective Johnson and his assistants has resulted in tracing negotiations between African negroes and police and other officials interested in the continuance of Democratic domination.

### DICTOGRAPH USED.

Through the use of negro spies and the dictograph, the mysterious instrument which was so startling and effectively used in the Legislature grants in Columbus, O., Detective Johnson succeeded in securing confessions from a number of negroes who had sold their voting certificates.

When confronted with their own words, taken down by a stenographer at the other end of the dictograph, many of the negroes, men high in the councils of Democracy in the town affected,

The announcement that the detectives are armed with affidavits from a number of negroes who have sold their certificates has caused a panic in the Democratic camp, both among those who have been engaged in the work of buying up registration and among the negroes who were not aware of securing \$3, the prevailing price for the privilege of voting.

The crusade was started Oct. 2, and among the cities in which confessions and affidavits have been secured are Frankfort, Lexington, Ashland, Mount Sterling, Hopkinsville, and others.

Henderson, Shivelyville, Cynthiaville

### JOHNSON IS RETICENT.

When seen at his hotel here, tonight D. S. Johnson, head of the Cincinnati detective agency which is making the investigation, was averse to discussing the situation but finally admitted that his operatives had been at work in several Kentucky towns for nearly a month and that the results of their combined work had been very satisfactory.

He admitted he had secured a number of affidavits from negroes who had sold registration certificates and said there would be sensational developments all along the line when he got ready to spring the information he already has in hand.

Late today it became known that Johnson yesterday called on the attorney-general of the state and was closeted with that official for several hours and it is rumored here tonight that as a result of that conference the prosecuting attorneys of several counties will be asked to call for special grand juries for a prompt in-

vestigation of the alleged irregularities throughout the state, and it was intimated that if such action was not taken there would be wholesale arrests of those against whom evidence already has been secured.

L. E. Ross is erecting a residence on East Main street.

Moses S. A. Bratcher and M. L. Heavin, of Hartford, were here Monday and Tuesday, and Mr. Heavin delivered an able address Monday night to a large and intelligent audience.

Rev. Watson delivered a very forcible sermon at the M. E. church Sunday night.

Mrs. W. R. Rose and wife, of Rockport, visited their daughter, Mrs. U. S. Faught this week.

A series of meetings will begin at the Baptist church Friday night by Revs. Bruner and Browder.

Hurrah for O'Rear, up goes our hat.

Former Blacksmith Saved Many Souls.

Madisonville, Ky., October 30.—A familiar figure often seen in this section of Kentucky and always at the session of the Louisville Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is Rev. George W. Latham. He lives in Christian county, but belongs to all parts, where sixty-nine years of ministerial life have been spent. The Rev. Latham was never a member of the conference, but served as a supply pastor for a long time.

UNABLE TO GIVE BAIL.

The arrest of Sarasohn was made at his saloon Monday night by Sheriff Scott, who took him before County Judge Scott. Unable to furnish the \$1,000 bond under which he was held the prisoner was committed to the county jail to await preliminary examination.

None of the leaders of the "organization" had the temerity to appear and offer to go on Sarasohn's bond, and he languished in a cell at the jail all night.

Tuesday morning James G. Denny, who two years ago was engaged by the "organization" to defend a number of the alleged election offenders, appeared before Judge Scott and said he had been employed to defend Sarasohn and would like to argue the question of a reduction of his bail.

Judge Scott assured Mr. Denny that he would hear him at any time on the bail proposition, and Mr. Denny went away, promising to return later.

The detectives say they have proof that Sarasohn secured the registration certificate of George Ross, a negro for the sum of \$3, saying they have several witnesses who will testify to that effect.

Moreover, the certificate of Ross was found in the pocket of Sarasohn when arrested an hour later, together with the certificate of John Hendren. Both are now in the possession of the court, being held as evidence.

The \$3 alleged to have been paid for the certificate was in Ross' possession when the witness to the alleged transaction confronted him upon leaving the place.

Sheriff Scott after the arrest and commitment of Sarasohn to jail filed with the county judge the two certificates said to have been taken from the pockets of the prisoner.

Those who claim to have seen Sarasohn's true Ross' certificate will testify that they saw him place it in his waist coat pocket, when it is asserted, it was found when the accused was arrested. Sarasohn was bound over the grand jury on a felony charge.

### CENTER TOWN.

Nov. 1.—U. S. Faught, our postmaster, was in Duodecim this week on business trip.

Mr. A. R. Plummer, one of our bustling merchants made a business trip through Southern Indiana this week.

The work on our new school building is progressing nicely, and our new flouring mill is very near completion, both of which will be a great help to our little town.

S. M. Gaines and Mrs. E. M. Woodward visited Mrs. Salie Bennett, now Beddoe this week.

Mr. Clyde Swain and wife have returned home after visiting friends at Potosi, they were accompanied home by Miss Barbara Shultz.

Mr. Robert Bennett and family have moved to our town.

O. K. Rowe, of McHenry, is visiting here this week.

Mr. John W. Carter who has been sick for some time is better at this writing.

Miss Gusta Geiger who has been ill is again.

Mrs. J. C. Jackson has recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. Alva Calloway is repairing his dwelling on Main street.

Mr. Sam Hill of McHenry, was here this week visiting his parents.

E. H. Goodall and A. L. Ross are

Oct. 30.—An arbor day was observed at the school here and about thirty nice sugar trees set out. Miss May Rogers taught us a fine class.

Virgil Miller and Leonard Taylor have each built nice barns this fall.

Mr. Joe Milligan, of Colorado, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Ernest Williams and sister Ethel of Rome, Ky., are visiting Miss Myrtle Bundt.

Mr. Homer Mathias and family, of Heflin, are visiting at Mrs. Amanda Stewart.

A prolonged meeting begins at Palmetto Creek church the third Sunday in November, conducted by Rev. G. W. Lawrence, of Dupuy.

Mrs. Dora Skinner visited at Palmetto last week.

Quite a number from this place attended the Sunday school convention at Polkville Sunday.

Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by the Taylor Miners Colored Brass Band.

Rockport School Notes.

The Rockport Graded School began its third month work October 30

LARGE

CROWD

Heard Hon. Ed. P. Morrow  
Speak.

At Hartford Saturday in Interest  
of The Republican  
Ticket.

with increased enrollment and bright prospects for a good months work.

Author Day was observed Friday October 27. The pupils, patrons and friends assembled on College hill at 2 p. m. and for an hour the children were busy playing here and there, planting trees, making flower gardens, singing songs, and speaking pieces appropriate to the occasion, while admiring patrons and friends looked on and thought it was good to be there.

Two flower gardens were planted and miniature trees were set.

The Trustees have made many improvements about the building and grounds and we feel that Rockport is making a steady educational growth.

W. R. OARSAN.

### Good Farm for Sale.

Containing 162 acres, 62 acres bottom land, good dwelling, good out buildings, good orchard, two good barns one tenant house. Terms reasonable. Call or write,

E. W. AUSTIN,  
1514 Hartford, Ky. R. 2.

### Look out for Queer Bills.

"This is a dangerous counterfeit and calculated to deceive," says Acting Chief Morgan of the secret service in a circular issued giving warning to a new counterfeiter on dollar national bank note. It is on the Anglo and London-Panama National Bank of San Francisco and bears the portrait of William McKinley. It is the series of 1902-03 and bears a check letter B. It is printed from photographs and the Republicans are confident in believing that much good has resulted from Judge Morrow's speech.

The large crowd room was filled to its capacity and dozens of people were standing, being unable to find a vacant seat. Judge Morrow was introduced by Hon. E. M. Woodward who made a cordial talk. Mr. Morrow then gave his speech and for two hours he held his audience with perfect attention. He was a unanimous verdict of everyone that the speech was of great, forcible and thoughtful planning and the Republicans are confident in believing that much good has resulted from Judge Morrow's speech.

Brooks-Southard.

The Star Issue was discussed at length, not a single person failing omitted by Judge Morrow, and special attention was called to the Democratic gerrymander which was perpetrated upon the citizens of Kentucky a few years ago. He showed where the Democrats had arranged the legislative districts of Kentucky so that one voter in the smaller Democratic districts has as much representation as seven voters in the larger or Republican districts. In 1893 the Democrats met and divided Kentucky into one hundred districts and in arranging them they fixed districts this way: They made twelve districts, each having one County. The total population of the twelve being about 129,947. They gave these twelve Counties each a representative; the smallest one having 8,000 population; the largest one a little over 12,000. Every one of these twelve Counties won Democratic and so was the Legislature that passed that bill. Then, they enacted twelve other districts, containing 29 Counties, having a population of about 483,676. These 29 Counties, upon an equal pro rata distribution, were entitled to 31 representatives. They were robbed of 9 as they were given only 12. Mark it that the first group of 12 Counties contained 129,974 population. The last group 483,676; meaning that 33,702 people of Kentucky are absolutely disfranchised and not represented in their Legislature. Not only that but the territory represented by the latter group gives 7,034 sq. miles in excess of the other and the last territory is almost exclusively Republican in politics. Judge Morrow also pointed out that the Democratic spellbinders would have us believe that at the close of Bingham's administration there was a balance in the treasury of \$1,180,057.22 but he stated that right there is where the Democratic speakers stop. They do not go further and tell us that there were also outstanding unpaid warrants, claims for materials furnished and for services performed and owing specific appropriations amounting to \$1,339,284.00. Thus, instead of leaving the Republicans a \$1,000,000.00 surplus as the Democratic speakers boldly alleged they really left a deficit on January 6, 1908, of \$159,228.22.

Judge Morrow paid an eloquent tribute to the Republican nominee for Governor, Judge O'Rear, showing where he was the champion of and for the people, and mention of Judge O'Rear's name every time brought a tremendous applause from the immense audience.

Resolved that while we deeply deplore the loss of our Brother Ed. How in his battle with the Devil, we still hold him in high esteem and regard him as a true Christian and a good man.

Resolved further that in the death of Brother Bill this Lodge has lost a faithful member, the family a kind and loving husband and father.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Lodge a copy be sent to the county papers for publication and a copy to be sent to the bereaved family.

W. L. FISHER,  
ROBERT YOHAM,  
A. J. WAKELAND,  
Committee.

### To my Friends.

Some unknown friend has nominated me as a candidate in the contest for the piano that is offered by Fair & Co., of Hartford. As I am engaged in teaching school near Smithhouse, it will be impossible for me to make an active canvas among my friends, and I would be grateful if they would do all they can to help me win this piano. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

CORA L. THOMASSON.

### Farm for Sale.

170 acres of Rough River bottom land. All cleared and well improved. Good residence, barns, outbuildings, walls, etc. Terms reasonable.

R. B. MARTIN,  
Hartford, Ky.

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### 400 Bushels of Apples.

I will have 400 bushels of fine apples at the L. C. depot at Beaver Dam Friday and Saturday. \$1.00 per bushel.

A. SEYMUR,

1514 Hartford, Ky.

CONGRESSMAN  
BEN JOHNSON

Said That People Wanted  
Republican

For Governor of Kentucky Rather  
Than Have McCreeary—  
Other Charges.

(From Louisville Courier-Journal, June 27, 1911.)

Washington, June 26. (Special.)

Discussing the Kentucky political sit-

uation, Representative Ben Johnson

made a speechy statement to-day.

Referring to the article in last Sat-

day's Louisville Times, in which Mr.

McCreeary is quoted as having said

that he "blue-pencil'd" an "ad" in

reference to Mr. Johnson, the Fourth

district Representative said that he

was entirely satisfied that one of Mr.

McCreeary's chief adherents inspired

it and other publications of like na-

ture and that Senator McCreeary him-

self was unquestionably responsible

for a wide circulation throughout

the State of Kentucky of the article.

Mr. Johnson further said that he was

entirely satisfied at the time that Mr. McCreeary became a candidate for

the Democratic nomination for Gov-

ernor, that he would not have done

so except that he had the promise

of an abundance of money to finance

his campaign and for the additional

reason that he was assured by a cer-